

Syria: Palestine Refugees - Humanitarian Snapshot, March 2015



Yarmouk: On **5 March 2015**, the Agency was able to resume food distribution for the first time since **6 December 2014**, from a new entry point established to the east of **Yarmouk**. Throughout March, the UNRWA was able to access Yarmouk on **14** days, distributing a total of **4,463** family food parcels and conducting **1,191** health consultations at its temporary health point. UNRWA Commissioner-General **Pierre Krähenbühl** visited Yarmouk on **10 March** to meet with some of the **18,000** Palestine refugees trapped in the area. In response to widespread deprivation and malnutrition among residents of Yarmouk, UNRWA calls for safe and continuous access to the area and other areas that remain hard to reach.

Humanitarian Response

CASH ASSISTANCE:

The first distribution round of cash assistance in 2015 started on 18 January. By March 2015, the Agency provided **57,626** persons (14,406 families) with two months of cash assistance through **31** distribution points. Cash assistance is one of the most efficient forms of cash assistance, enabling refugee families to cover their basic needs such as food and rent.

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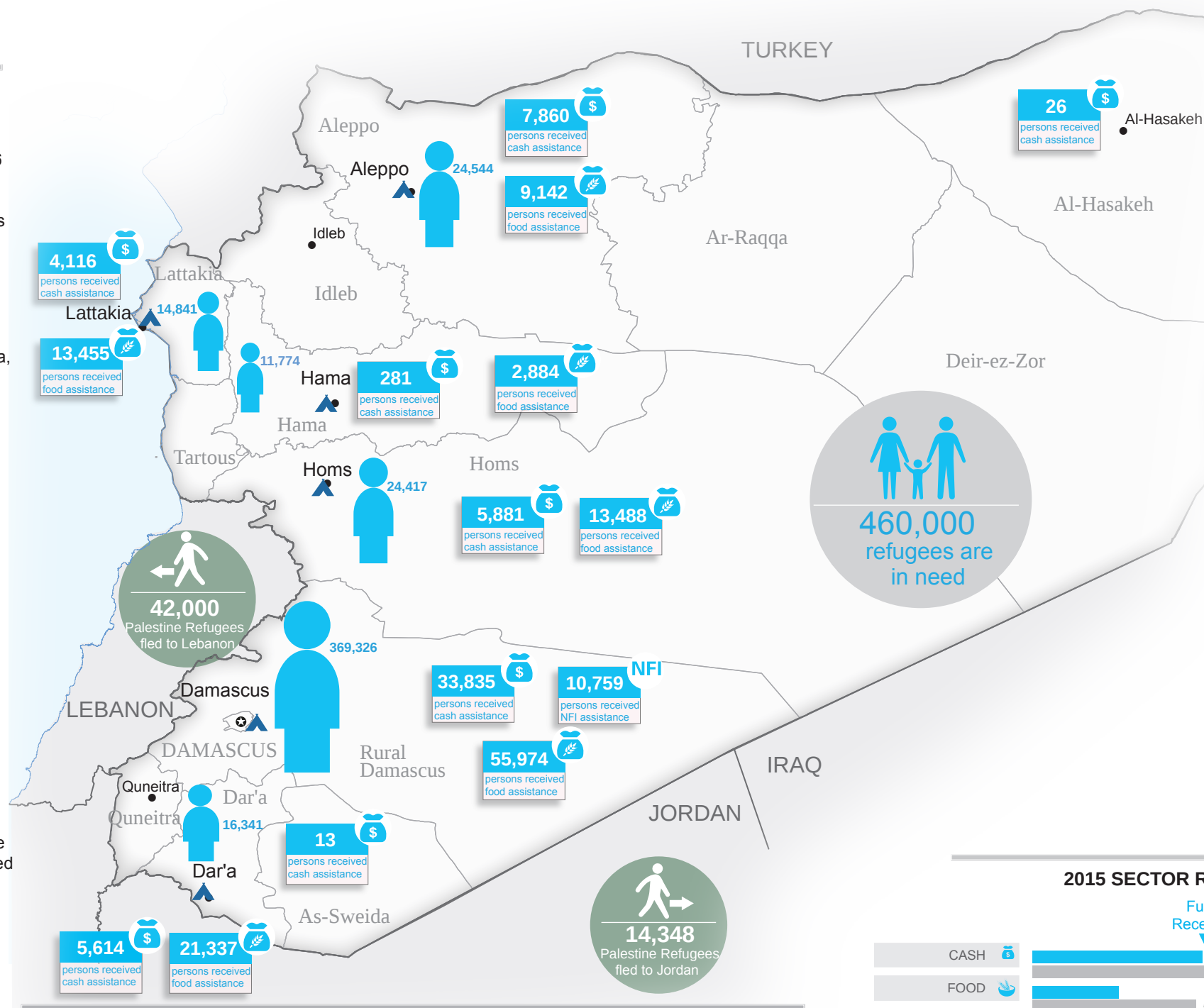
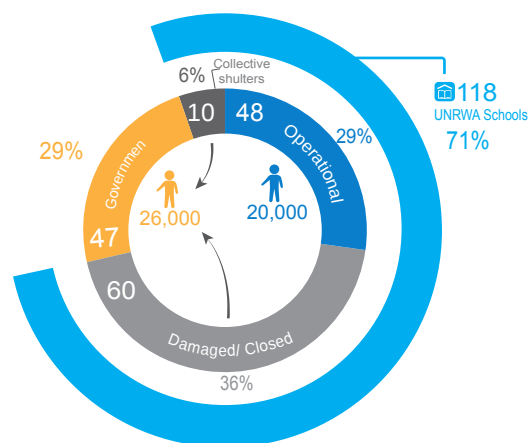
In March, UNRWA distributed **28,273** food parcels to families via **15** distribution centers and collective centres in the Damascus area, Dera'a, Sweida, Neirab, Homs, Latakia and Aleppo. The Agency's emergency food programme targets 460,000 Palestine refugees in Syria.

HEALTH:

UNRWA provides health services to up to 480,000 Palestine refugees throughout Syria. In January and February this year, UNRWA health staff conducted 181,416 patient consultations in 14 health centers and 11 health points. The provision of primary health care services remains essential to combat the results of conflict, displacement and exhaustion of Palestine refugees.

EDUCATION:

UNRWA upgraded **eight** teaching points to support children residing in collective centres. The teaching points will focus on providing supervised learning support using self-learning materials covering Mathematics, English, Arabic, French and Science. The Agency continues to provide primary education to over 45,000 Palestine refugee students in Syria in **48** UNRWA schools and **47** school buildings provided by the Ministry of Education.



NFI NON FOOD ITEM ASSISTANCE:

UNRWA distributed **1,114** blankets and **66** mattresses to collective centers Rif Damascus and the Syria Field Office.

ASSISTANCE TO COLLECTIVE CENTRES:

UNRWA is housing **10,570** Palestine refugees and internally-displaced Syrians (**2,657** families) in **30** UNRWA and non-UNRWA managed temporary collective centers in Damascus and surrounding areas. In Aleppo, Latakia and Homs, UNRWA supports **1,649** Palestine refugees and internally displaced Syrians (**381** families). UNRWA shelters and UNRWA managed temporary shelters are home to **145** newborn infants, **197** persons with disabilities and one unaccompanied child. Refugees in shelters are provided with food assistance and non-food items, as well as regular health and social services. In addition, the Agency conducts regular maintenance of its WASH facilities.

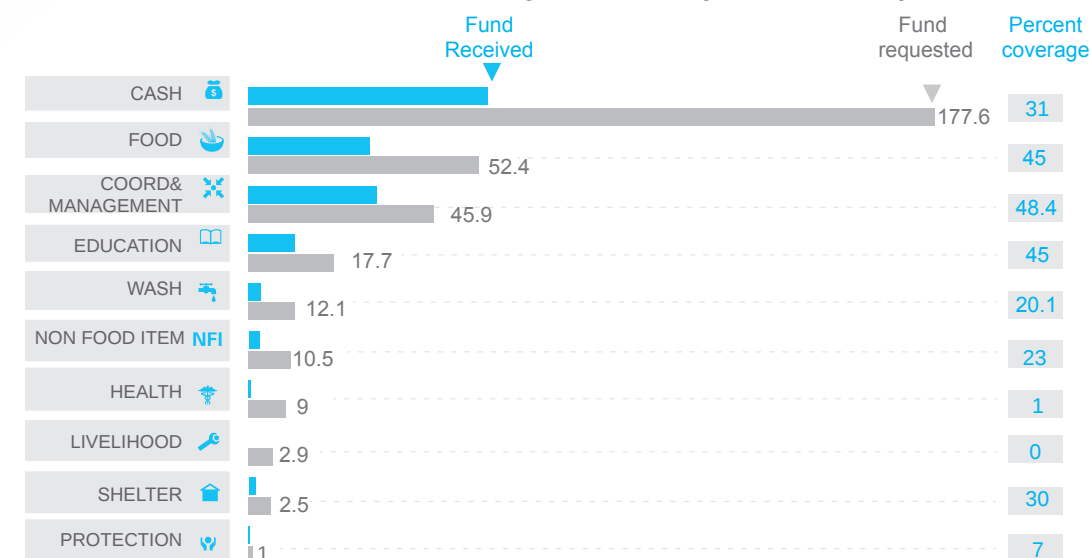
WATER SANITATION & HYGIENE

UNRWA distributed **3,463** hygiene kits to refugees in collective centers. Each hygiene kit contains soap, shampoo, disinfectant, washing detergent and other sanitary items to last a family of four for one month. The Agency was unable to distribute hygiene kits to refugees in **Yarmouk** in March. UNRWA conducts regular maintenance, garbage collection, plumbing and sanitation works in all accessible facilities, camps and gatherings. UNRWA distributed **31,656** adult and baby diaper packs to all displaced refugee families, in addition to **397** baby kits.

2015 FUND STATUS (USD MILLIONS)



2015 SECTOR REQUIREMENTS (USD MILLIONS)



Date: April 2015

Sources: Palestine refugees [UNRWA]

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Refugee camps

Est. pop in need (2014)

*Funding= received contribution+carry over+in pipeline